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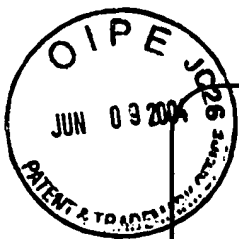
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In re Application of: HENSON et al.

Group Art Unit: ~~Not yet assigned~~ 3624

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Title: **REVENUE SHARE INTEREST METHOD OF FINANCING AN ASSET
MANAGEMENT FIRM**

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.102(d)

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make the above-identified U.S. patent application special pursuant to MPEP §708.02(VIII). Applicants have submitted herein a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion points out, with the particularity required by 37 C.F.R. §1.111(b) and (c), how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references pursuant to MPEP §708.02(VIII).

If it is determined that the pending claims are not directed to a single invention, Applicants will make an election without traverse as required under MPEP §708.02(VIII)(B).

Applicants submit that a pre-examination search has been made by a professional searcher in Class 705, subclasses 10, 35 and 36.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the following references which are deemed to be the most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the present claims.

<u>U.S. Patent/Publication No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
2004/0024671	Freund
2003/0204459	Schulman
6,154,730	Adams et al.

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DETAILED DISCUSSION OF THE REFERENCES

U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0024671 (Freund)

Freund discloses synthetic funds for purchase by investors. A structured note is structured to provide customized equity returns/exposure. Terms of each structured note may be specified by the purchaser and the structured notes may be unsecured liabilities of the obligor, e.g., there are no underlying assets upon which the structure note is based. Thus, there will be no limits on the use of structured note proceeds and management of assets and liabilities will be left entirely to the obligor's discretion. Structured note payment obligations may be related to the performance of an objective valuation, but structured note holders will depend on the good credit of the obligor for payment. (see abstract) However, Freund fails to disclose or suggest at least a method of financing an asset management firm by obtaining a revenue share interest in the asset management firm.

U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0204459 (Schulman)

Schulman discloses financial products that provide a return that is a function of future sales/revenues, preferably gross sales/revenue, over a specified period of time. One embodiment of a method for creating such a financial product includes providing standard forms to an issuer and underwriter and standard terms to an issuer and investors. The terms to the issuer include providing capital to the issuer in exchange for a return that is a function of future sales over a specified period of time. The process further includes creating instruments representing investment in the financial product. The process creates the instruments in sufficient numbers and in appropriate denominations to facilitate trading in the financial product. (see abstract) However, Schulman fails to disclose or suggest at least a method of financing an asset management firm by obtaining a revenue share interest in the asset management firm, where upon termination of the revenue share interest, converting the revenue share interest to an ownership interest in the asset management firm, callable by the asset management firm.

U.S. Patent 6,154,730 (Adams et al.)

Adams et al. discloses a system for employing the projected receipts of a public facility to finance the construction of the facility itself, or the acquisition of a team to play in the facility. A preferred system includes: a method for projecting future cash flows (e.g., gate receipts) associated with the operation of the facility; pooling rights to receive those cash flows; transferring the pooled rights to a special purpose vehicle; and issuing securities on behalf of the special purpose vehicle in order to generate revenues for the construction and/or operating costs of the facility, or for the purchase of the team itself. The system also includes a computerized method for the ongoing implementation of such a financing system, including the steps of: inputting estimated cash flows and actual cash receipts; comparing the estimated and actual values in order to determine adjusted amounts to allocate between investors in the special purpose vehicle and ongoing operations. The invention further provides a facility (such as a stadium) and/or a team funded or acquired by such a system. (see abstract) However, Adams et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least a method of financing an asset management firm by obtaining a revenue share interest in the asset management firm, and excluding an ownership interest during the term of the revenue share interest, and excluding debt, the method comprising providing financing to the asset management firm and receiving a predefined share of revenue of the asset management firm (a revenue share interest) for a predetermined period of time, wherein no ownership interest in the asset management firm is received during the term of the revenue share interest, and no debt is used.

THE PRESENT APPLICATION

Embodiments of the present application relate to, among other things, a method of financing an entity, such as an asset management firm, wherein a financing provider invests assets in the entity. The financing provider receives a revenue share interest in the financed entity. No ownership interest in the entity is given to the financing provider during the term of the revenue share interest, and no debt is used. To evaluate and price the investment, a revenue forecasting model may be used.

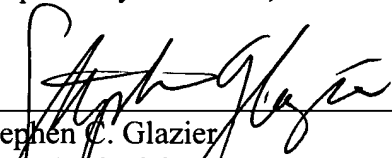
For example, claim 1 recites a method of financing an asset management firm by obtaining a revenue share interest in the asset management firm, and excluding an ownership

interest during the term of the revenue share interest, and excluding debt, the method comprising providing financing to the asset management firm and receiving a predefined share of revenue of the asset management firm (a revenue share interest) for a predetermined period of time, wherein no ownership interest in the asset management firm is received during the term of the revenue share interest, and no debt is used. Further, claim 4 recites that upon termination of the revenue share interest, the method includes converting the revenue share interest to an ownership interest in the asset management firm, callable by the asset management firm.

As discussed above, Freund, Schulman and Adams et al. fail to disclose or suggest one or more elements as claimed in claims 1 and 4.

Therefore, the present application claims subject matter which is not disclosed, taught or suggested by the foregoing references and is patentable in light thereof. Accordingly, granting of the Petition to Make Special and expedited examination of the claims in the present application are earnestly solicited.

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